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Five facts to know about Veterans Day

by Katie Lange

DOD News

Veterans Day is a well-known American holiday, but there are also a few misconceptions about it — like how it's spelled or whom exactly it celebrates. To clear some of that up, here are the important facts you should know.

Veterans Day does NOT have an apostrophe.

A lot of people think it's "Veteran's Day" or "Veterans' Day," but they're wrong. The holiday is not a day that "belongs" to one veteran or multiple veterans, which is what an apostrophe implies. It's a day for honoring all veterans — so no apostrophe needed.

Veterans Day is NOT the same as Memorial Day.

A lot of Americans get this confused, and we'll be honest — it can be a little annoying to all of the living veterans out there.

Memorial Day is a time to remember those who gave their lives for our country, particularly in battle or from wounds they suffered in battle. Veterans Day honors all of those who have served the country in war or peace — dead or alive — although it's largely intended to thank living veterans for their sacrifices.

It was originally called Armistice Day, commemorating the end of World War I.

World War I officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919. However, the fighting ended about seven months before that when the Allies and Germany put into effect an armistice on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

For that reason, Nov. 11, 1918, was largely considered the end of "the war to end all wars" and dubbed Armistice Day. In 1926, Congress officially recognized it as the end of the war, and in 1938, it became an official holiday, primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I.

But then World War II and the Korean War happened, on June 1, 1954, at the urging of veterans service organizations, Congress amended the commemoration yet again by changing the word "armistice" to "veterans" so the day would honor American veterans of all wars.

For a while, Veterans Day's date was changed, too, and it confused everybody.

Congress signed the Uniform Holiday Bill in 1968 to ensure that a few federal holidays — Veterans Day included — would be celebrated on a Monday. Officials hoped it would spur travel and other family activities over a long weekend, which would stimulate the economy.

For some inexplicable reason, the bill set Veterans Day commemorations for the fourth Monday of every October.

On Oct. 25, 1971, the first Veterans Day under this new bill was held. We're not sure why it took three years to implement, but not surprisingly, there was a lot of confu-



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Veterans Day, not Veteran's Day

sion about the change, and many states were unhappy, choosing to continue to recognize the day as they previously had — in November.

Within a few years, it became pretty apparent that most U.S. citizens wanted to celebrate Veterans Day on Nov. 11, since it was a matter of historic and patriotic significance. So on Sept. 20, 1975, President Gerald Ford signed another law (Public Law 94-97), which returned the annual observance to its original date starting in 1978.

Other countries celebrate it, too, in their own ways.

World War I was a multinational effort, so it makes sense that our allies also wanted to celebrate their veterans on Nov. 11. The name of the day and the types of commemorations differ, however.

Canada and Australia both call Nov. 11 "Remembrance Day." Canada's observance is pretty similar to our own, except many of its citizens wear red poppy flowers to honor their war dead. In Australia, the day is more akin to our Memorial Day.

The United Kingdom calls it "Remembrance Day," too, but observes it on the Sunday closest to Nov. 11 with

parades, services and two minutes of silence around the country to honor those who lost their lives in war. As in Canada, many citizens wear red poppies to honor their dead.



Army photograph by Sgt. Ken Scar

A U.S. Army Reservist reads some of the 58,307 names etched into "the Wall" of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial as the sun rises in Washington, July 22, 2015.



Air Force photograph by Senior Airman Erin Trower

Local community members, along with Airmen from the 48th Fighter Wing, participate in a Remembrance Day parade in Lakenheath Village, England, Nov. 8, 2015. Remembrance Day observance was first held Nov. 11, 1921, and hostilities formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.



Photograph courtesy of Timothy Hale

Spectators and veterans hold up "Thank You" signs during the Fayetteville Veterans Day parade in Fayetteville, N.C., Nov. 10, 2012. The annual parade featured U.S. Army Reserve Command soldiers and service members and equipment from the XVIII Airborne Corps, 82nd Airborne Division, high school bands, decorated floats, veterans organizations and Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps marching units.



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President Dwight D. Eisenhower signs HR7786, June 1, 1954. This ceremony changed Armistice Day to Veterans Day.

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Veterans Day:

A time to honor those who have served

At the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month more than one hundred years ago, the guns fell silent across Europe and what had been called the Great War, or the War to end all Wars, was over.

What later became known as World War I officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles in France. But the fighting actually stopped when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11, 1918. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of "the war to end all wars."

In November 1919, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed Nov. 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words:

"To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations."

The original concept for the celebration was for a day observed with parades and public meetings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11 a.m.

The United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I when it passed a concurrent resolution on June 4, 1926, with these words:

"Whereas the 11th of November 1918, marked the cessation of the most destructive, sanguinary, and far reaching war in human annals and the resumption by the people of the United States of peaceful relations with other nations, which we hope may never again be severed; and

Whereas it is fitting that the recurring anniversary of this date should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations; and

Whereas the legislatures of twenty-seven of our States have already declared November 11 to be a legal holiday: Therefore be it Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), that the President of the United States is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings

on November 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples."



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An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938, made Nov. 11 in each year a legal holiday — a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day."

Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I, but in 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen in the nation's history; after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting in its place the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation (Public Law 380) on June 1, 1954, Nov. 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

Later that same year, on Oct. 8, President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the first "Veterans Day Proclamation" which stated:

"In order to insure proper and widespread observance of this anniversary, all veterans, all veterans' organizations, and the entire citizenry will wish to join hands in the common purpose. Toward this end, I am designating the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs as Chairman of a Veterans Day National Committee, which shall include such other persons as the Chairman may select, and which will coordinate at the national level necessary planning for

the observance. I am also requesting the heads of all departments and agencies of the Executive branch of the Government to assist the National Committee in every way possible."

On that same day, President Eisenhower sent a letter to the Honorable Harvey V. Higley, Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, designating him as Chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee.

In 1958, the White House advised VA's General Counsel that the 1954 designation of the VA Administrator as Chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee applied to all subsequent VA Administrators.

Since March 1989 when VA was elevated to a cabinet level department, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs has served as the committee's chairman.

The Uniform Holiday Bill (Public Law 90-363 (82 Stat. 250)) was signed on June 28, 1968, and was intended to ensure three-day weekends for federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day

and Columbus Day. It was thought that these extended weekends would encourage travel, recreational and cultural activities, and stimulate greater industrial and commercial production. Many states did not agree with this decision and continued to celebrate the holidays on their original dates.

The first Veterans Day under the new law was observed with much confusion on Oct. 25, 1971. It was quite apparent that the commemoration of this day was a matter of historic and patriotic significance to a great number of our citizens, and so on Sept. 20, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed Public Law 94-97 (89 Stat. 479), which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of Nov. 11, beginning in 1978. This action supported the desires of the overwhelming majority of state legislatures, all major veterans' service organizations and the American people.

Veterans Day continues to be observed on Nov. 11, regardless of the day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to Nov. 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.



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Palmdale to honor veterans, send 'thank you' letters

In honor of our veterans, the City of Palmdale and Antelope Valley Veteran organizations will host a Veterans Day Ceremony on Nov. 11 at 9 am at Poncitlán Square, 38315 9th St. East, Palmdale, Calif.

The ceremony is free and open to the public.

The Veterans Day event will thank and honor all who served honorably in the military in wartime or peacetime, acknowledge their contributions to our national security, and pay tribute to the millions of patriots whose courage and sacrifice have secured our freedom.

The event will commemorate Veterans and is an opportunity to express deep appreciation for the duties they have discharged.

For more information, visit www.cityof-palmdaleca.gov/2023VeteransDay or call 661/267-5611.

Additionally, families and kids are invited to "Thanks A Million" at either Domenic Massari or Marie Kerr Park on Saturday, Nov. 11, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. to write thank you letters to our veterans and active-duty troops. All materials will be provided for free. Domenic Massari is located at 37716 55th St. East and Marie Kerr Park Community Building is at 39700 30th St. West., both in Palmdale, Calif.



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Arizona's veterans honored with Phoenix parade

The 27th annual Phoenix Veterans Day Parade 2023, once again sponsored by the non-profit group Honoring America's Veterans, is set for 11 a.m. Nov. 11.

The parade heads south on Central and Montebello, crosses west on Camelback, and heads south on 7th Street, ending at Indian School Road.

The exact time may vary depending on the final number of parade entries, but it typically lasts for two hours, ending around 1 p.m.

Attendees should allow ample time before and after for parking, and/or walking to the location you'd prefer to view the parade.

The veterans who will ride in Phoenix Veterans Day Parade as Grand Marshals represent service in various wars and campaigns, and many branches of the military. For more information, visit <https://honoringamericasveterans.org/2023-phoenix-veterans-day-parade/>

- World War II, U.S. Marine Corps veteran Navajo Code Talker Thomas Begay, Window Rock, Ariz. Begay served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II, attaining the rank of corporal. He was selected as one of the 33 Navajo Code Talkers to be assigned to the renowned 5th Marine Division Signal Company and in

the Radio Section of the H & S Company, 27th Begay is a survivor of the Battle of Iwo. After his military service, Begay worked for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, retiring after 40 years of federal service. He now enjoys speaking about the Navajo Code Talkers.

- Korean War, U.S. Navy veteran Jerry Hecht, Sun Lakes, Ariz. Lt.(jg) Gerald "Jerry" Hecht joined the Navy shortly after graduating from the University of Cincinnati Pharmacy College in May 1952. In the Navy, he completed three deployments to the western Pacific, at times operating off the coast of the Korean Peninsula at the height of the Korean War. On one occasion, his ship took fire from the Communist forces of North Korea. Two of his children are veterans, retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Robert Hecht, and U.S. Navy Capt. Richard Hecht.

- Vietnam War, U.S. Marine Corps veteran Col. Herbert Pierpan, Scottsdale, Ariz. Pierpan served in Vietnam twice; in 1963 as an adviser to the Vietnamese Marines and then again in 1968 as a company commander in the First Battalion, Fourth Marines, Third Marine Division.

- Cold War, U.S. Marine Corps veteran Hughes Byrne, Casa Grande, Ariz. Byrne completed air crew training and was

awarded Naval aviation flight wings with HMM 264. While stationed in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, he went on two WestPac cruises with the Quick Reaction Force (QRF) Team Pacific area. One of his humanitarian acts was delivering aid to the leprosy colony on Molokai Island. After leaving active duty, he later joined the Army National Guard, where he deployed to Bosnia for 14 months, and then to Iraq in 2005. After retirement, he became a leader with the Veterans of Foreign Wars and coordinates the Casa Grande Veterans Day Parade.

- Desert Storm/Persian Gulf War, U.S. Army veteran Patricia Little Upah, Tempe, Ariz. Upah, a retired U.S. Army Nurse served in the Persian Gulf War in Saudi Arabia during Desert Storm in 1991, and Vietnam in 1968. In the Army Reserves, she was the commander of the 6253rd USAH before retiring in 2004 at the rank of Colonel.

- Operation Iraqi Freedom, U.S. Air Force veteran Jeffrey DeVore, Goodyear, Ariz. DeVore served 25 years in the Air Force, serving from 1992 to 2017. He flew C-130 cargo aircraft to all corners of the world with more than 4,400 flight hours and 850 in combat. His service includes support for the invasion of Iraq, the Battle

of Fallujah, the Battle of Ramadi, and the Battle of Basra. DeVore also flew combat missions in Afghanistan.

- Operation Enduring Freedom, U.S. Army veteran Amanda Tallman, Peoria, Ariz. Tallman joined the Army Military Police Corps in 2007, serving as an MK19 gunner, when women were banned from combat. In the Army Reserves, she became a Military Intelligence Officer in Arizona. After her medical retirement in 2018, she continues to serve with her nonprofit, First Page, connecting nonprofits and groups that work with veterans, first responders, and kids to horses, and with Concerned Veterans for America.

- Celebrity Grand Marshal, Supermodel Kim Alexis, Scottsdale, Ariz. Kim Alexis is part of an elite group of fashion models who rose to supermodel status in the 1980s. She was discovered at 17 at a Buffalo, N.Y., modeling agency. She has more than 500 worldwide magazine covers, including Vogue, Bazaar, and Cosmopolitan, and set the record for Glamour. She comes from a military family. Her husband's grandfather served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and then retired and re-enlisted as an officer in the Air Force. His father also served in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed at Strategic Air Command.

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Mobile Vietnam Memorial Wall coming to Rosamond

The Mobile Vietnam Memorial Wall will be on display Nov. 7-12, 2023, at Westpark Elementary School, 3600 Imperial Avenue, in Rosamond. A Veterans Day Ceremony will be held in front of the wall on Nov. 11.

The Mobile Vietnam Memorial Wall — AV wall is a grassroots effort conceived, funded, and built by the citizens of the Antelope Valley and was dedicated in 2009.

The AV Wall is maintained and traveled by an all-volunteer organization. It is one of only five traveling walls in the United States and the only one based on the West Coast.

The AV Wall is engraved with the names of more than 58,300 men and women who gave their lives or remain missing.

The AV Wall is a half-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C., and was first established 18 years ago, according to Mike Bertell, president of the AV Wall Board.

It was created by and for the Antelope Valley (hence the nickname "The AV Wall"). The AV Wall is cared for and displayed by a 100 percent volunteer workforce. Point Man Antelope Valley (a nonprofit veteran ministry group) is the Guardian of The AV Wall.

Point Man Antelope Valley is an Outpost of Point Man International Ministries, a non-denominational, evangelistic, mission-oriented, faith ministry committed to facilitating healing and restoration of the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of veterans and their families.

The AV Wall Board voted recently to retire the Mobile Vietnam Memorial Wall following the November 2025 display in Palmdale.

"The AV Wall Board has been discussing retiring our memorial for some time and with the 50th Vietnam War Commemorative program coming to an end in 2025, there was no doubt that it is the best time to retire The AV Wall," said Mike Bertell, president of The Mobile Vietnam Memorial Wall. "It will be a bittersweet ending for all of us having spent 18 years of planning, organizing, and watching our baby go on display across Southern California.

"There are endless memories that will stay with the crew and volunteers for the rest of our lives. We have made many friends," Bertell continued. "There have been tears shed and plenty of joy. We have met people from many cities; people who would never have come into our lives on a normal basis. I know we have touched the hearts of hundreds of families. We have laughed (at times making fun of each other) and we have been held together by the love of a dream."

The current schedule calls for the Wall to be on display Nov. 7-12, 2023, at Westpark Elementary School in Rosamond. Volunteer information will be available in August with the Mandatory Volunteer Training scheduled in October.

Other dates confirmed are:

May 24-27, 2024: Smith Park in Pico Rivera

May 23-26, 2025: Rancho Tapo Community Park in Simi Valley

November 25: Palmdale Amphitheater

Communities in Southern California who would like to host The AV Wall in November 2024 can submit their request at <https://avwall.org/about/the-av-wall/>



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Despite pushback, Air Force Academy Falcons football honor Doolittle Raiders

By Bob Alvis

Special to Aerotech News

With Veterans Day coming up, a pair of subjects weighed on my mind, and I wondered if such varied subjects could come together to make people think about our differences of opinions today.

Veterans Day is the day set aside for honoring all our current and past military men and women, and the contributions and sacrifices they have made for us — a nation of citizens who live or have lived under their protection.

As an Air Force veteran, over the last few months I have been enjoying the Air Force Academy's football team and their record — as of this writing they are undefeated in this year's college football season. As the season has continued, I became aware of rumblings that a team event was getting some pushback.

The team was planning a tribute to past military heroes, and media and activists were not looking favorably on the event because they felt a line was about to be crossed that was better left uncrossed.

Flash back to 1942, to a nation dealt a brutal blow at Pearl Harbor. In the following months, the imperial armies of Japan were pretty much doing as they pleased in the Pacific with their aggression upon other nations.

America was being constantly bombarded by enemy actions and setbacks but also by the newspapers of the day. On the street corners of America, the press was giving citizens a constant diet of bad news; we needed something to lift people's hopes.

Many of you know the story of the Doolittle Raiders and their raid on Tokyo a one-way mission to give notice to Japan. We were coming — and one day the light damage done by a handful of B-25 bombers would be just the first step in bringing down an empire seeking domination of the entire Pacific region and beyond.

The courage of the American Airmen who were asked to volunteer, not ordered, to fly a very dangerous mission with little effect or chance of survival, is extraordinary. They knew the real mission was to bring hope to a nation in desperate

need of some battlefield good news. If the sacrifice of their lives would do that, they would be willing to take the chance.

The history books have well documented that event and made the Doolittle Raiders a point of pride for generations including we baby boomers, who looked up to them as the superheroes of the day. For me and my friends nothing was more heroic than those planes launched from an aircraft carrier and the five-man crews that made up the 16-plane "tip of the sword" that flew into history.

Today, when people look at past events and find ways to criticize and call such events in our history insensitive and cruel, they are looking to diminish the missions and actions of past generations to push a narrative that downplays our nation's history.

Looking back and seeing the world standards we have today, most people have no clue what it was like to wake up in America on Dec. 8, 1941 (following the attack), and live until August of 1945, when the world nightmare came to an end.

Sometime in the not-too-distant past, the Air Force Academy looked to honor the Doolittle Raiders with a commemorative uniform to honor the actions of the Doolittle Raiders that for generations brought pride to every Airman that put on an Air Force uniform.

But pushback came, and from what I can tell the commemoration was up in the air for a while as the naysayers of that history started a pretty vocal online campaign. Their following was working overtime to get the legacy uniforms and message removed from the football field.

What pride I felt a couple weeks ago when the Air Force took the field to play Navy and those amazing uniforms that on the backs of the jerseys did not have the team or players names, it just simply said "Doolittle Raiders." In today's world it's nice to see tradition win out over the drama that people create. Today's patriots will pay respect and ensure those heroic deeds of the past will not be forgotten by those who wear the uniform and serve and lead our country.

With Veterans Day coming up, this story — perhaps to me more than any other — shows



Air Force Academy photographs



what's so wrong in so many ways about our nation, but also what is so right when it comes to honoring our veterans. The football players from the Air Force Academy showed us that sometimes what's not popular with one group should not diminish how they choose to recognize the generations that came before. The freedoms we enjoy today need not go unrecognized by censoring the history to fit a current world understanding of past events.

I, for one, salute the Doolittle Raiders and the Air Force Academy Falcons, two winning teams that will always have my respect for not backing down when our nation was looking for heroes to make a difference. I'm proud to be an Air Force veteran from a different era and seeing the amazing men and women who will fill our shoes and carry on our legacy.

We remember and salute all the veterans of all the services on this up-and-coming Veterans Day, and for now I will carry on and remember how we are so blessed to live in the "home of the brave."

Until next time, Bob out...



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Veteran finds second chance as VA carpenter

by Hannah Sentenac

Greater Los Angeles VA

As the lead carpenter at West Los Angeles VA, Army veteran Daniel Martin takes great pride in fixing things. He repairs drywall, hangs doors and generally beautifies the hospital for patients, staff and visitors.

He also repairs the lives of other veterans by serving as a mentor through Vocational Rehabilitation, helping those with disabilities overcome barriers to employment.

Martin is all too familiar with the challenges of adjusting to civilian life. Before the former felon found his calling as a mentor and carpenter, he struggled with homelessness and didn't know if he'd ever be given a second chance.

With help from VA, Martin transformed his life. Now he wants other veterans who are having a tough time to know: "You can do this."

Peacetime trauma

Entering the military at 17, Martin served as a supply specialist. As he tells it, he enlisted as a boy and left a man, experiencing some traumatic episodes along the way.

"So many of the peacetime soldiers won't even advocate for themselves in any way because they think they have to be a combat veteran," said Martin. "But we veterans all have our struggles."

After completing his tour of duty, he started running with biker gangs and using drugs. He eventually ended up doing a couple of stints in jail. That's where he first heard about VA services — from members of the Veteran Justice Outreach program.

Upon his release, he bounced from couch to couch, having no real home of his own. Eventually, he decided to come to Greater Los Angeles VA.



VA photograph

From right: Daniel Martin talks to fellow Veterans Chris Dunick, Compensated Work Therapy participant and Robert Gonzalez, former CWT and full-time carpenter.

Carpentry had been Martin's longtime civilian trade, and he put those skills to work with the Vocational Rehabilitation Compensated Work Therapy (CWT) program, which helps veterans living with mental or physical health issues obtain and maintain gainful employment.

His work performance earned him a permanent position with the engineering team. His supervisor, Andrew Lee, said Martin is the first ex-felon veteran the department has ever hired. "Danny is motivated and humble. He gets along with everybody," Lee said.

P.J. Stigers — section chief for Vocational Rehabilitation,

and whose position includes all aspects of the CWT program — praised Martin for his leadership qualities.

"His willingness to openly discuss his own struggles, setbacks and triumphs has created a sense of camaraderie and unity within the group. His empathetic nature and ability to connect with his peers on a personal level have made him an invaluable asset," Stigers said.

After Martin's time living on campus, he found permanent, supportive housing in Tarzana, Calif., through the HUD-VASH program. HUD-VASH pairs subsidized rent vouchers from HUD with supportive services from VA. Two years ago, he moved into an apartment he secured on his own.

Mentoring other veterans

For the four years he's been in engineering, Martin said he has been mentoring other CWT veterans, helping them get back on their feet and learn crucial employment skills. Many have landed their own jobs with VA.

"I go out of my way to try to make this thing fun. I just want them to do well," he said.

His leadership skills have been beneficial for numerous other veterans, helping them navigate the CWT experience and move on in their careers. And, he also recently received a promotion to work leader carpenter, making his mentorship role official.

Lee hopes Martin's story can encourage other departments to hire veterans. "This is a veteran hospital. You have veterans in your backyard. Many of them just need a second chance," Lee added.

For Martin, that second chance changed his life. "I am so grateful to VA because they provided me with a starting point and gave me some tools. A little bit of courage, a little bit of strength. I got lucky," Martin said.

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Actor Morgan Freeman was Air Force radar repairman

by David Vergun

DOD News

Actor Morgan Freeman is known for his many roles in film, including “Driving Miss Daisy” (1969), “Glory” (1989), “Unforgiven” (1992), “The Shawshank Redemption” (1994), “Seven” (1995), “Amistad” (1997), “Million Dollar Baby” (2004), “The Dark Knight Trilogy” (2005-2012), and “Invictus” (2009).

Among Freeman’s many TV appearances was his role in the acclaimed children’s television series “The Electric Company” in the 1970s.

Born June 1, 1937, in Memphis, Tenn., Freeman started his career acting in high school plays.

After graduating from high school in 1955, he turned down a drama scholarship from Jackson State University, opting instead to enlist in the U.S. Air Force, where he was trained to be an automatic tracking radar repairman.

Automatic tracking radar stations were used for automatically aligning radar antennas toward an air target such as an aircraft or missile to continuously measure its location. The stations became



Courtesy photograph

Morgan Freeman in his Air Force uniform sometime in the mid-to-late 1950s.

obsolete and were closed in the early 1990s with the development of precision guided munitions that used GPS.

After four years in the Air Force, he was honorably discharged as an airman first class in 1959. He subsequently moved to Los Angeles and took acting classes at the Pasadena Playhouse. He also studied theatre arts at Los Angeles City College.

Some of Freeman’s films with a military connection:

- In the film “Glory,” he played Army Sgt. Maj. John Rawlins. The film, directed by Edward Zwick, was about the 54th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment, the Union Army’s second African-American regiment in the Civil War. “Glory” was nominated for five Academy Awards.

- In the 1995 film “Outbreak,” Freeman played a doctor, Army Brig. Gen. William “Billy” Ford. The film, based on the 1994 nonfiction book “The Hot Zone,” is about a virus outbreak in Zaire and later in California.

- In 1990, Freeman provided the voice of abolitionist Frederick Douglass in “The Civil War,” a TV miniseries about the Civil War.

- Freeman also narrated “The True Story of Glory Continues,” a 1991 documentary about the 54th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment.

- In the 2002 military and spy thriller, “The Sum of All Fears,” Freeman plays William “Bill” Cabot, director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

- In the 2002 film, “High Crimes,” Freeman plays Charlie Grimes, a former military attorney.

Among Freeman’s many accolades, are:

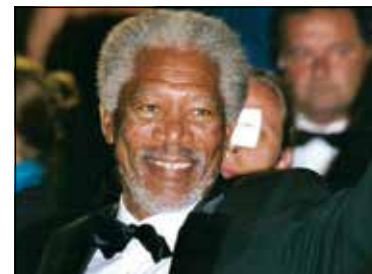
An Academy Award for “Million Dollar Baby” and a Golden Globe Award for best actor in “Driving Miss Daisy.”

Freeman currently lives in Charleston, Miss.



Air Force photograph by 1st Lt. Jennifer Moore

Air Force Master Sgt. Curtis Chiles (left) conducts egress training for actor Morgan Freeman before his orientation flight in a T-37 Tweet aircraft, at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss., Aug. 13, 2004.



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Morgan Freeman at the 2005 Cannes Film Festival in Cannes, France.

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MAKE THE CONNECTION

VA resources helps veterans 'Make The Connection'

Make The Connection is an online resource developed by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

It connects veterans, their family members, friends and supporters with information, resources and solutions.

Veterans can watch, read, and listen to fellow veterans and their family members share real stories of strength and recovery, find useful information and local mental health resources, and explore ways to show your support.

Topics that veterans talk about PTSD, substance abuse, suicide, depression, and so much more.

On the website, visitors can:

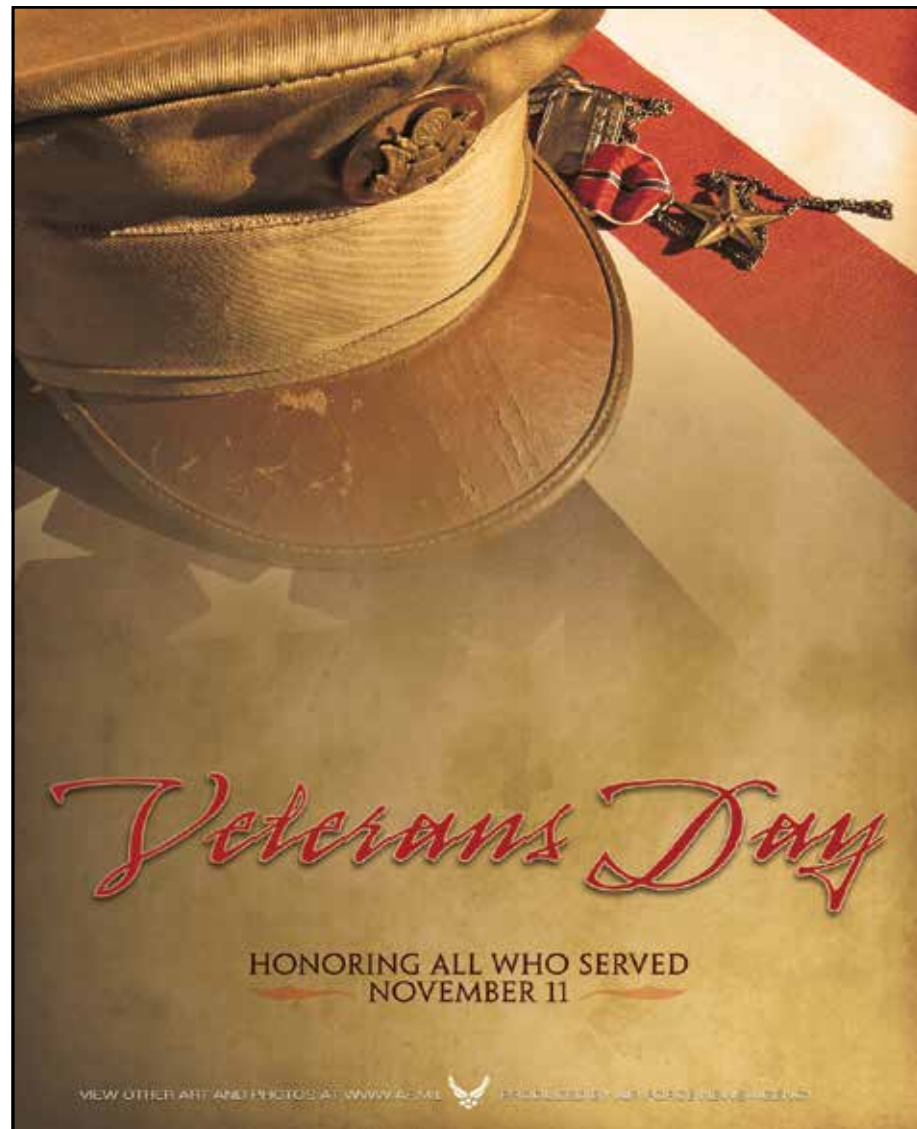
- Learn about other veterans' stories.
- Connect with other veterans.
- Find information that relates to their experiences.

- Locate nearby resources.
- Join the conversation to reach out for support and treatment.

Additionally, the site includes a podcast — the Make the Connection: Real Veterans, Real Stories — that is “powered by the voices of veterans sharing the stories. Whether you are a Veteran or you love someone who has served, our podcast shines a light on the mental health challenges that some Veterans face — and the various paths they can take toward a healthier life.”

Now in its second season, the podcast explores “how various mental health resources have helped Veterans of all backgrounds and experiences navigate their questions and reshape their lives. Don't miss out on hearing these powerful stories.”

The site can be reached at www.maketheconnection.net.



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Celebrities who served:

Adam Driver draws parallels between acting, military careers

by David Vergun

DOD News

Before becoming a famous actor, Adam Driver was a Marine. He turned 18 just two months after the 9/11 terrorist attacks and said the attacks motivated him to serve.

Joining the Marine Corps “was one of the things I’m most proud of having done in my life,” he said during a 2015 “TED Talks” address.

“I found I loved the Marine Corps the most for the thing I was looking for the least when I joined, which was the people — a weird motley crew of characters from a cross section of the United States that on the surface I had nothing in common with.

“Over time, all the political and personal bravado that led me to the military dissolved. And for me, the Marine Corps became synonymous with my friends.”

After boot camp, Driver was assigned to Weapons Company, 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division at Camp Pendleton, Calif., as an 81mm mortar man.

He served for two years and eight months before fracturing his sternum while mountain biking. He was medically discharged with the rank of lance corporal.

He later said that he missed the discipline, rigor and camaraderie that comes with being a Marine.

In a 2015 interview on WHYY’s “Fresh Air” with Terry Gross, he opened up about his medical discharge: “It was pretty devastating. It took me a long time to get over it ... It’s really about the people, this small, intimate group of people that you are lucky enough to get to serve with. And it’s about them. Then, not going because you hurt yourself was pretty embarrassing and terrible.”

Despite his injury, he tried to stay with his platoon, but the injury became even worse after a forced march with a 90-pound pack, forcing him to be hospitalized.

At the time, his unit was slated to deploy to Iraq.

In the “Fresh Air” interview, he said: “I wanted to go so much. I mean, you were training to do this job for two years with these people. The idea of not going, someone else going in your place or not being there, is not really an easy thing to sit with.”

Following his discharge from the Marine Corps in 2004, Driver attended the Juilliard School for drama, graduating in 2009.

He appeared in a number of Broadway and off-Broadway productions. His first TV role was in 2009 in the final episode of “The



Marine Corps photograph
Adam Driver poses for his official photo as a Marine in 2002.



Courtesy photograph
Actor Adam Driver attends the Japanese premier of “Star Wars: The Last Jedi” in 2017.



Marine Corps screenshot
Actor Adam Driver talks about his time in the Marine Corps during a 2015 “TED Talks” address.

Unusuals;” he played a repentant witness and reluctant accomplice to an unsolved assault. In 2011, he made his film debut in Clint Eastwood’s biographical drama film “J. Edgar.”

Driver went on to play Ben Solo and Kylo Ren in the Star Wars sequel trilogy: “The Force Awakens” (2015), “The Last Jedi” (2017), and “The Rise of Skywalker” (2019).

He also played detective Flip Zimmerman in “BlackkKlansman” (2018), for which he received an Academy Award nomination for best supporting actor. Another Academy Award nomination soon came his way — this time for best actor — for his work in “Marriage Story” (2019).

Driver was also honored for his work on the stage and television, appearing in:

- The 2012 HBO comedy-drama series “Girls,” as the emotionally

unstable Adam Sackler, the boyfriend of Hannah Horvath, played by actor Lena Dunham. Driver received three Emmy Award nominations for the outstanding supporting actor in a comedy series for his role.

- Two critically acclaimed films — as telegraph and cipher officer Samuel Beckwith in Steven Spielberg’s historical drama “Lincoln,” and as Lev Shapiro in Noah Baumbach’s comedy-drama “Frances Ha.”

- The off-Broadway play “Look Back in Anger,” in which he portrayed Cliff, a working-class Welsh houseguest and won the Lucille Lortel Award for outstanding featured actor in a play.

More recently, Driver:

- Played Daniel J. Jones in the political drama “The Report,” which premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in Utah.

- Returned to Broadway to play the role of Pale in “Burn This,” receiving acclaim for his explosive performance and a Tony Award nomination for best actor in a play.

- Starred in the musical drama film “Annette,” which premiered at the 74th annual Cannes Film Festival.

Driver starred in Ridley Scott’s historical drama “The Last Duel,” and also stars in Scott’s “House of Gucci,” that covers the assassination of Maurizio Gucci.

Similarities Between Acting and Military

The military and acting are actually very similar, he said during his 2015 “TED Talks.” “You have people trying to accomplish a mission greater than themselves.”

Every film or play has a director, just as every military unit has a leader, Driver said. Also, in the Marine Corps, people are forced to be intimate with complete strangers in a short amount of time, and that’s the same in films.

As a result of his own experience, Driver decided to create a venue for veterans who aspire to become actors. He founded Arts in the Armed Forces, a non-profit that provides free arts programming to U.S. active-duty service members, veterans, military support staff and their families worldwide.

“I thought, how great would it be to create a space that combine these two seemingly dissimilar communities that brought entertainment to a group of people that, considering their occupation, could handle something a bit more thought provoking than the typical, mandatory fun events that I remember being ‘voluntold’ to in the military,” he said.



Army photograph by Ryan Noble

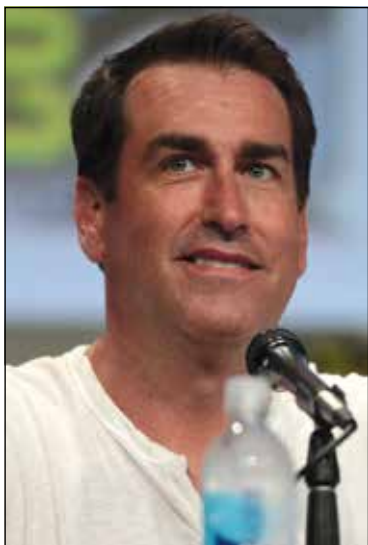
Actor Adam Driver, a Marine veteran and founder of Arts in the Armed Forces, center left, performs with other actors, during a tour of U.S. Army Garrison Humphreys in South Korea, Aug. 14, 2016.

Comedian, game show host is a retired Marine

by David Vergun

DOD News

Rob Riggle is known for his work as a comedian. He currently co-hosts the miniature golf game show "Holey Moley," but is best known for being on "Saturday Night Live" and "The Daily Show." He was also a U.S. Marine.



Courtesy photograph

Comedian Rob Riggle, a retired Marine, speaks at the 2014 Comic-Con International: San Diego for "Let's Be Cops" at the San Diego Convention Center, San Diego, Calif.



DOD photograph by D. Myles Cullen

Comedian Rob Riggle, a retired Marine, performs in a USO show at Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan, Dec. 9, 2014.

In 1992, Riggle was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserve. He served as a public affairs officer in New York City and Los Angeles; he also had deployments to Liberia, Kosovo, Albania and Afghanistan.

On Jan. 1, 2013, he retired with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Among his awards were two Meritorious Service Medals, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, a Joint Service Achievement Medal, two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, a Combat Action Ribbon, the Kosovo Campaign Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Humanitarian Service Medal.

Over the years, Riggle went overseas a number of times to entertain troops in USO shows.

In a May 31, 2013, interview with ABC News Angel Canales, Riggle offered this advice to military veterans: "Seek out mentors, people who are doing what you want to do. You have to decide what you want and have a goal. Don't worry about how you're going to do it. Just trust that you'll get there. There's no better citizen than a veteran. There's so much waiting for you outside, and it's not something to be intimidated by or scared by, it is something to be embraced.



Navy photograph by PO2 Kathryn E. Macdonald

Comedian and retired Marine Lt. Col. Rob Riggle prepares for a ride in an F-18 Hornet with the Blue Angels, the Navy's flight demonstration squadron at Naval Air Facility El Centro, Calif., March 11, 2014.



Marine Corps photograph by Cpl. Tia Dufou
Gen. John M. Paxton Jr., left, assistant commandant of the Marine Corps, poses for a photo with retired Marine Corps Lt. Col. Robert Riggle during a reception at the Reserve Officers Association Stars Foundation Gala in Washington, D.C., March 4, 2014.

Decide what you want, and go get it."

More about Riggle

Riggle was born April 21, 1970, in Louisville, Ky. His family moved to Overland Park, Kansas, when he was two. He attended Shawnee Mission South High School, where he was involved in the school's ra-

dio and TV stations. He was voted the most humorous in high school and graduated in 1988.

He then attended the University of Kansas, where he graduated in 1992 with a B.A. in Theater and Film.

Riggle's career has included:

- Appearing as a cast member

on "Saturday Night Live" from 2004 to 2005.

- Acting in the 2006 movie "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby."

- Appearing as a correspondent on Comedy Central's "The Daily Show" from 2006 to 2008.

- Acting in 2009 "The Hang-

over;" 2010 "Furry Vengeance;" 2011 "Larry Crowne;" 2015 "Absolutely Anything;" and, 2018 "Night School."

- Playing Gil Thorpe on the television sitcom "Modern Family" from 2013 to 2019.

- Appearing in 2014 "Dumb and Dumber To."

Restaurants offer free, reduced meals for Veterans Day

Proof of military service

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- Photograph in uniform, wearing your uniform (if your service permits)
- Veterans Organization Card (e.g., American Legion and VFW)
- DD214, other discharge paperwork, or another form of identification
- Other restaurants and companies may go by the honor system.

Many restaurants offer free, reduced or special offers for active duty and veterans on Veterans Day.

Always call ahead to verify locations, times, and participation. Many of the listed companies are franchises and may have different policies. Some restaurants and businesses require proof of military service (see sidebar for more information).

Here's a list (not complete) of special offers.

Note: A = Arizona, C = California, and N = Nevada.

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On Veteran's Day, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service treats shoppers to a free coffee at Express and participating restaurants. The one-day-only specials also include double points on MILITARY STAR purchases and significant discounts on items like TVs, laptops, handbags, and home appliances. A valid military ID is necessary to enjoy these benefits.

Abuelo's (P)

On Veteran's Day, every Chile con Queso and Queso Diablo appetizer sold at all locations will contribute \$1 to Honor Flight. Funds are donated upon showing Proof of Service. Honor your service while enjoying appetizers.

Another Broken Egg Cafe

On Veteran's Day, Another Broken Egg Cafe offers free Patriot French Toast and coffee to veterans, active, and retired military members. This offer is effective with valid military ID. The nationwide diner, known for appealing fresh dishes, provides an upscale dining experience.

Applebee's (A, C and N)

Applebee's, a global restaurant chain known for comfort food, is treating veterans and active-duty military to a free meal from a specific menu on Veterans Day. A valid military ID or proof of service is required for this offer. Remember to participate during the Veteran's Day period.

Bad Ass Coffee of Hawaii (A, C and N)

On Veteran's Day, Bad Ass Coffee of Hawaii offers a free cup of coffee to veterans and active-duty military members. Their specialty is premium Hawaiian and select international coffees. This offer allows our servicemen and women to enjoy a relaxing moment in the store's Aloha spirit.

Bar Louie (A and C)

This Veterans Day, Bar Louie is honoring those who've served. All active and retired military personnel can enjoy a free craft burger or flatbread. No two locations are the same, ensuring a unique dining experience every time.

Ben's Soft Pretzels (A and N)

Veterans and active military personnel can enjoy a free jumbo soft pretzel from Ben's Soft Pretzels on Veterans Day. With over 150 locations, the Amish-inspired pretzel bakery offers this treat to honor military service. The offer is available only on Veterans Day, demonstrating their commitment to exceptional customer service.

BJ's Restaurant (A, C and N)

BJ's Restaurant salutes veterans with a free meal and Dr. Pepper on Veterans Day. Soldiers can unlock the offer by showing valid military ID or proof of service. Be sure to drop by BJ's on Veterans Day to enjoy a tasty twist on deep-dish pizza and award-winning brews.

Black Angus (A and C)

Black Angus Steakhouse, renowned for its premium grilled steaks since 1964, offers a 15 percent discount to active military members, veterans, and their spouses. To enjoy this deal, guests must dine in and present a valid Military ID. The discount emphasizes Black Angus' commitment to honoring those who have served.

Bonefish (N)

On Veteran's Day, Bonefish Grill offers a free Bang Bang Shrimp and non-alcoholic beverage to active duty military and veterans. This reputable seafood restaurant rewards their service with fresh, flavorful meals. A valid military ID is required.

Bruegger's Bagels (A and C)

Bruegger's Bagels, a popular bakery chain, is serving up free medium hot or iced coffee for veterans this Veteran's Day. This deal is available with a breakfast purchase to honor those who have served. Enjoy a classic New York-style bagel and fresh coffee to kick start your day.

Buffalo Wild Wings (A, C and N)

Buffalo Wild Wings offers a dining treat to veterans and active-duty military on Veterans Day. These guests can enjoy a free order of boneless wings and a side of fries at participating U.S. locations. A valid military ID or proof of service is required.

California Pizza Kitchen (N)

On Veterans Day, California Pizza Kitchen offers a free entrée to all veterans and active-duty military personnel. Patrons can choose from a special menu comprising pizzas, salads, and pasta. A uniform, military ID, or proof of service is required.

Charley's Philly Steaks (A, C and N)

On Veteran's Day, Charley's Philly Steaks offers free Gourmet Fries to anyone buying a cheesesteak and drink at AAFES locations. Additionally, veterans and active-duty military can receive these fries free of charge at any store location, with no purchase necessary. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy Charley's commitment to quality and community.

Chick-fil-A (A, C and N)

Chick-fil-A, a popular fast-food restaurant, sometimes gives Veterans Day discounts at individual locations. These specials vary, so please contact your local restaurant for more details. The offer is valid for those celebrating Veterans Day.

Chili's Grill & Bar (A C and N)

Veterans and active-duty military personnel can enjoy a free meal at Chili's Grill & Bar on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2023. Dining is limited to inside the restaurant and a valid military ID or proof of service is required. The offer may extend to spouses and dependents, but be aware that it might vary by location.

Chompie's (A)

On Veteran's Day, Chompie's, an Arizona restaurant known for its New York-inspired cuisine, offers a 20 percent discount on entrees to active, retired and former military members. The deal,

which requires a valid military ID for eligibility, celebrates the service of our nation's veterans. The discount does not provide a specific dollar saving, as the discount amount is contingent on the chosen entree's price.

Circle K (A, C and N)

On Veterans Day, Circle K, the largest U.S. chain of company-owned convenience stores, gifts all veterans and active military personnel with free medium coffee. The offer, providing significant dollar savings, is a token of appreciation to those who serve or have served. Enjoy a warm pick-me-up on Circle K this Veterans Day.

Claim Jumper (C and N)

Claim Jumper Steakhouse & Bar offers a free entrée from a special menu to veterans who show valid ID on Veteran's Day. Diners also receive a \$5 card for their next visit. This promotion is for dine-in only at participating locations.

Coco's Restaurant (A and C)

Coco's Bakery & Restaurant honors veterans and active-duty military with daily deals and special Veterans Day promotions. With valid military ID or proof of service, members of the military can enjoy a free slice of pie every day and a buy-one-get-one-free entrée deal on Veterans Day. Note, these offers apply for in-store purchases and are not valid for online orders or delivery.

Cracker Barrel (A, C and N)

During the month of November, Cracker Barrel Old Country Store honors veterans with special deals. On Veterans Day, veterans can enjoy a free slice of double fudge Coca-Cola cake with their meal. Special promotions run all month supporting military families in a partnership with Operation Homefront.

Craft Republic (A)

Craft Republic, a distributor of craft beverages, extends its heartfelt gratitude to veterans and active-duty military personnel this Veterans Day with a free meal. Alongside the meal, all veterans and active service members will also receive a \$5 bonus card from Craft Republic. To enjoy these offers, simply show military identification on Veterans Day.

Culver's (A)

Many Culver's franchise operators independently determine their Veterans Day policies. Some may offer discounts and special observances. This varies by location and it is suggested to check with your local restaurant for details.

Denny's (A, C and N)

At all Denny's locations, active, non-active or retired military personnel can enjoy a free grand slam breakfast on Veteran's Day from 5 a.m. to noon. A valid ID is required to get this offer. Denny's, a traditional American diner, is known for its inclusive guest-first philosophy and fair prices.

Dickey's Barbeque Pit (A and C)

Dickey's Barbecue Pit, a family-owned chain known for its signature slow-smoke barbecue, will offer a free pulled pork classic sandwich on Veterans Day. To get this free treat, veterans and active military personnel need to show a military ID or valid proof of service. The offer is available on Veterans Day only.

Duck Donuts (A and N)

Duck Donuts, a growing donut chain, honors veterans on Veterans Day. Veterans and active-duty service members with identification can get a free donut at participating locations. The company prides itself on excellent customer service and quality products.

Dunkin' Donuts (A, C and N)

On Veteran's Day 2023, Dunkin' Donuts gives a free donut to active-duty military members and veterans. No purchase or military ID is required for this giveaway, available in-store. It's suggested

to confirm with local Dunkin' outlets to ensure they're participating in the offer.

Einstein Bros. Bagels (A and N)

On Veteran's Day, Einstein Bros. Bagels offers veterans a complimentary hot or iced coffee of any size with a purchase. To get this deal, veterans must show a valid military ID inside the bakery. Enjoy a freshly brewed coffee amidst the cozy ambience of this neighborhood bagel shop.

Famous Dave's (A, C and N)

On Veterans Day, Famous Dave's BBQ is offering a free Georgia chopped pork sandwich and a side to all current and former military personnel. This promotion is valid for both dine-in and to-go orders. Proof of service is required to receive the discount.

Farmer Boys (N)

On Veteran's Day, Farmer Boys gives veterans a free Big Cheese cheeseburger. Guests should check with their local store first to confirm participation. This offer requires proof of service and isn't valid for delivery or mobile orders.

Firebirds (A)

Firebirds, a restaurant known for its wood-fired grills, offers a free meal for veterans and active duty soldiers on Veteran's Day. The offer applies when dining with others, and a valid military ID is required. This offer is Firebirds' way of honoring the brave, with an estimated 56 locations across 20 states participating.

Fired Pie (A)

On Veteran's Day, Fired Pie – a California-based fast-casual pizza and salad restaurant known for its modern decor and advanced oven technology – offers a free entree to uniformed military members and veterans with valid IDs. This promotion allows veterans to enjoy the unique pie-eating experience at no cost.

Fogo de Chao (A and N)

Fogo de Chão, a popular Brazilian restaurant, offers active-duty military and veterans 50 percent off meals on Veteran's Day. Additionally, the restaurant extends a 10 percent discount for up to three guests accompanying the veteran. There's no expiration time-frame for this offer, exhibiting Fogo de Chão's continuous support for servicemen and women.

Freddy's (A, C and N)

Veterans and active military personnel can expect a show of gratitude from Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakhouses this Veteran's Day. Freddy's is offering a free Original Double with Cheese combo meal card to their military guests. This promotion is for one day only, Veteran's Day, at their more than 400 locations nationwide.

Genghis Grill (A)

On Veteran's Day, Genghis Grill is honoring veterans with a dine-in offer of a free small Chef Bowl or Create Your Own Bowl. Participants must present a valid military ID. This chain restaurant, known for customizable stir-fry bowls, has offerings that range from chef-convected to a la carte with over 80 ingredients.

Golden Corral Military Appreciation Night (A, C and N)

On Veteran's Day, Golden Corral, a popular buffet and grill, hosts Military Appreciation Night from 5 p.m. to close. Active and former military members enjoy a free meal, but it's for dine-in only. A valid military ID or proof of service is required.

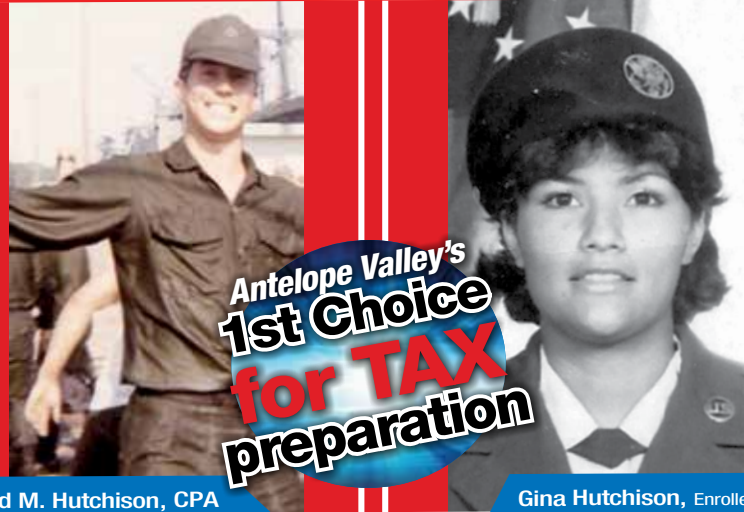
Hamburger Stand (A)

On Veteran's Day, Hamburger Stand proudly treats all veterans and active-duty military with a valid ID to a free meal. The meal includes a hamburger, regular fries, and a small Pepsi. It's the restaurant's small token of big gratitude for the service and sacrifice of the military personnel.

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Hard Rock Cafe (A and N)

Hard Rock Cafe offers a 15 percent discount on all food, non-alcoholic beverages, and retail purchases for military veterans. To receive this offer, guests need to show a valid military ID. The discount is available across Hard Rock Cafe's global locations.

Hawaiian Bros (A)

Hawaiian Bros Island Grill offers a free plate lunch on Veterans Day for veterans, active military, and their loved ones. Complimentary meals include choices from their traditional island-flavored entrees paired with Hawaiian sides and desserts. Proof of service is required.

Hooters (A and N)

Hooters offers a free dinner entrée from the Veterans Day Menu to veterans and active-duty military on Nov. 11. Eligible guests must show proof of service and purchase a drink. This dine-in offer is valid at select Hooters locations.

IHOP (A, C and N)

On Veteran's Day, IHOP provides free Red, White & Blueberry Pancakes to veterans and active-duty military at participating locations. A valid military ID or proof of service is required, dine-in only. Limit one per guest; additional restrictions may apply.

Insomnia Cookies (A and N)

On Veterans Day, Insomnia Cookies salutes service members. With any purchase, Veterans and active military get a free six-pack of warm, late-night cookies. Just show a military ID in-store to redeem this offer.

Krispy Kreme (A, C and N)

Krispy Kreme, the famous doughnut chain, honors veterans on Veterans Day with free Original Glazed Doughnuts and coffee. This longstanding tradition aligns with the company's commitment to community philanthropy. The deal applies to all veterans on Veterans Day only.

Lamar's Donuts (A)

LaMar's Donuts, a popular chain founded in 1960, honors vets on Veterans Day. The company offers a free donut and 12-ounce coffee to all veterans and active military members for the day. It's one way the donut shop thanks those who serve.

Little Caesars Pizza (A, C and N)

On Veterans Day 2023, Little Caesars Pizza offers a free lunch combo to veterans and active military. The combo includes four slices of their popular Detroit-style deep-dish pizza and a 20-ounce Pepsi product. Proof of service is required to claim the offer.

Logan's Roadhouse (A)

Logan's Roadhouse honors veterans with a free meal from a special menu on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. This offer is open to all military branches, granted on presentation of a military ID or uniform. Participation may vary, so checking with local Logan's Roadhouse outlets is suggested.

Lucille's Smokehouse BBQ (A, C and N)

Lucille's Smokehouse Bar-B-Que is showing appreciation to veterans and active-duty military on Veteran's Day with a mouth-watering offer. Eligible members can enjoy a complimentary personal size meal, including options like a pulled pork sandwich or southern fried chicken, plus receive a \$10 bonus card for future use. This offer applies to both dine-in and takeout orders, but excludes online orders.

Macaroni Grill (A and N)

On Veteran's Day, Macaroni Grill honors veterans and active military members by offering a free order of Mom's Ricotta Meatballs + Spaghetti. To receive this token of appreciation, a military ID must be presented. The popular Italian restaurant chain has 86 locations nationwide.

McDonald's (A, C and N)

On Veteran's Day, McDonald's extends a gesture of gratitude to military veterans. McDonald's suggests guests contact their local restaurant for available discounts which may include a free breakfast, value menu items, or selection from a special Veteran's Day menu. The specifics vary by location.

Menchie's (A and N)

On Veterans Day, Menchie's Frozen Yogurt treats veterans to their first 6 oz. of frozen yogurt for free. Veterans must show a valid military ID or proof of service at participating locations for this offer. The business runs 540 locations nationwide.

Mimi's Cafe (A and C)

Mimi's Cafe, known for their sumptuous menu, is offering a 20 percent discount to veterans and their families. This offer, meant to celebrate Veteran's Day, applies to their diverse range of breakfast offerings, entrees, and desserts. It's Mimi's Cafe's way of showing appreciation to veterans for their service.

MOD Pizza (A)

MOD Pizza, the fast-dining pizzeria with more than 500 U.S. locations, offers a special deal on Veterans Day. Active-duty military and veterans can enjoy a buy-one-get-one-free deal on a MOD-size pizza or salad with proof of service. This corresponds to a 50 percent discount on a two-item order.

Morton's The Steakhouse (A)

Morton's The Steakhouse, a distinguished dining choice, offers a 20 percent discount to all current and former military members on Veterans Day. Parties of up to four can enjoy the savings. A valid ID is required to receive the discount.

Mountain Mike's (A)

This Veterans Day, Mountain Mike's Pizza is offering a 15 percent discount on any large pizza. The deal is open to all veterans, giving them a chance to enjoy the eatery's hand-crafted pizzas at a reduced price. Make sure to grab this deal during the Veterans Day celebration.

Native Grill & Wings (A)

Native Grill & Wings, a Southwest-based restaurant chain, offers veterans and active-duty military a free menu item valued up to \$11.99 on Veteran's Day. The establishment, renowned for bringing Buffalo-style wings to the Southwest, combines a family-friendly sports bar experience with a diverse menu. No specific time frame indicated for the deal's duration.

Nekter Juice Bar (A, C and N)

Nekter Juice Bar, spanning 180 locations nationwide, honors Veterans Day by offering veterans and active-duty military a free 16-ounce juice or smoothie. This deal is available all day at participating locations. A valid military ID is necessary to receive this promotion.

Noah's Bagels (C)

On Veterans Day, Noah's New York Bagels treats veterans to a free medium hot or iced coffee with their breakfast. The company, known for authentically recreating New York-style bagels since 1989, extends this offer at all 56 locations. A valid veteran's ID is necessary to obtain the free coffee.

Olive Garden (A, C and N)

On Veteran's Day, Olive Garden honors veterans and active-duty military with a free entree from a select menu, inclusive of their signature breadsticks. A valid military ID is required. Olive Garden's gesture underscores its commitment to combating hunger through its Harvest program.

Outback Steakhouse (A, C and N)

Outback Steakhouse honors veterans and active-duty military with a free Bloomin' Onion and Coca-Cola on Veterans Day. This offer, dine-in or call-in only, requires valid military ID as proof of service. Beyond Veterans Day, Outback offers a year-round 10 percent Heroes Discount to service members, police officers, firefighters, and first responders.

Parry's Pizza (A)

This Veteran's Day, Parry's Pizza will provide free full-sized entrees and fountain drinks to all veterans and active-duty military members. The offer is applicable either for dine-in or take-out services.

Pilot Flying J/U.S. Pilot Veterans Day Deal

On Veteran's Day, Pilot Flying J offers a free breakfast, complete with coffee, to all active-duty and retired military veterans. The offer is accessible through their app. The family-owned business, the largest travel center network in North America, spans 44 states with over 750 locations.

QuikTrip ((A)

On Veterans Day, QuikTrip, a reputable gas station and convenience store chain, offers veterans a free Big Q drink or coffee. To receive this offer, veterans must present a valid military ID. The deal is exclusive to Veteran's Day.

RA Sushi (A, C and N)

At RA Sushi, active and retired military members dine free on Veterans Day. The offer includes a complimentary shareable meal to honor their service. The deal is honored at all 19 restaurant locations nationwide.

Red Lobster (A, C and N)

Red Lobster will honor veterans, active-duty military, and reservists on Veterans Day with a complimentary Walt's Favorite Shrimp, Fries, and Coleslaw meal. This free offer features six hand-breaded, lightly fried shrimp, served with cocktail sauce, crispy French fries and coleslaw. Proof of service or a valid military ID is required to redeem this offer.

Red Robin (A, C and N)

Red Robin, a popular chain restaurant, offers Veterans and active-duty military a free Red's Tavern Double burger and Bottomless Steak Fries on Veterans Day.

Rodizio Grill (A and N)

Rodizio Grill, America's first Brazilian steakhouse, offers veterans a complimentary meal with the purchase of one adult full-size Rodizio meal. This discount is available on Veteran's Day, though the specific date may vary by location. Veterans must provide proof of service to qualify. Please verify the offer ahead of time either by calling the restaurant or visiting their website.

Schlotzsky's (A)

Schlotzsky's offers veterans and active-duty service members a complimentary side of chips and small drink with the purchase of an entree. This deal is exclusively in-store at participating locations, with a valid military ID required. The offer runs on Veterans' Day.

Shane's (A)

At Shane's Rib Shack, a barbecue restaurant, military personnel and veterans eat free on Veteran's Day. With a valid military ID or proof of service, they can enjoy a sandwich combo meal at no cost. The offer is available at participating locations.

Smashburger (A and N)

On Veterans Day, Smashburger offers a special treat for veterans and active-duty military personnel. They can enjoy a complimentary double classic smash. This Denver-based fast food chain prides itself on their creative burgers, fries, and shakes.

Smoothie King (A and N)

On Veterans Day, Smoothie King offers a free 20-ounce smoothie to veterans presenting a valid military ID. This international chain believes in promoting a healthy lifestyle with its nutrient-rich beverages. Enjoy this discount at any of its 1,000-plus locations.

Starbucks (A, C and N)

On Veteran's Day, Starbucks offers a free tall hot or iced coffee to veterans, active duty service members, and their spouses. This is in tandem with a \$200,000 donation, divided equally

between Team Red, White & Blue and Team Rubicon for veteran support. No time-frame restrictions have been specified for the discount or the donation.

Subway (A, C and N)

Subway, the well-known fast-food brand, offers a buy-one-get-one free deal on any footlong sub. Customers can use the promo code FLBOGO on Subway.com or the Subway app. The specific eligibility and timeframe for this 50 percent savings discount are not provided.

TCBY (A, C and N)

TCBY, a staple in the frozen yogurt industry, offers veterans and active military a Veterans Day treat: the first six ounces of yogurt are free. Just present a valid Military ID at one of their 250 locations worldwide. Celebrate your service with a sweet deal this Veterans Day.

Texas de Brazil (N)

On Veteran's Day, veterans get to enjoy a 25 percent discount at Texas de Brazil. The restaurant is renowned for its authentic Brazilian steakhouse dining experience. Take note, the discount applies to dinner only.

Texas Roadhouse (A and N)

On Veteran's Day, Texas Roadhouse offers free meal vouchers to veterans from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. These vouchers are redeemable for dine-in or carry-out meals off a select menu. Present a valid military ID or proof of service to participate.

Thirsty Lion (A)

Thirsty Lion Gastropub & Grill, a lively dining spot across four states, is offering a free entree and non-alcoholic drink to all veterans and active-duty military members this Veterans Day. Patrons must show a valid military I.D. to enjoy this deal. Specializing in scratch-made food and craft beverages, the gastropub provides a fitting place to mark the holiday.

Torchy's Tacos (A)

On Veteran's Day, Torchy's Tacos offers a free taco and beverage to veterans and active U.S. military members. To receive this deal, those eligible must show a valid military ID or proof of service. The offer is exclusively on a select Veterans Day menu.

Village Inn (A)

On Veterans Day, Village Inn offers a free V.I.B. breakfast to veterans. Known for its homemade pancakes and award-winning pies, the restaurant, which boasts over 100 locations, observes the day with this special offer. No other eligibility requirements or time frames are indicated.

Wendy's (A, C and N)

On Veteran's Day, Wendy's, noted for its fresh, never-frozen food since 1969, gifts active military and veterans a free breakfast combo. All that's needed is a valid military ID, with absolutely no purchase required. The popular restaurant's menu includes burgers, chicken, salads, and its famous Frosty.

Wienerschnitzel (A, C and N)

Wienerschnitzel offers a Veterans Day deal to both veterans and active-duty service members. With valid military ID or uniform worn, patrons can score a free chili dog, small fry, and small Pepsi. This special offer is only valid on Veterans Day.

Yard House (A, C and N)

Yard House, beloved for its vast selection of draught beer, is offering a free appetizer to veterans and active-duty military on Veterans Day. Issues of discount require a valid military ID. The offer applies to dine-in visits only.

Yogurtology (A)

On Veterans Day, Yogurtology showers appreciation on active military personnel and veterans with a complimentary five-ounce frozen yogurt. The company, known for its quality frozen yogurt since 2008, invites patrons to enjoy this sweet treat at any of its locations. There are no price constraints, making this delectable offer free.

Together We Served.com provides faster method to find old service friends

by **Brian Foster**

President and Founder, TogetherWeServed.com

For many veterans, military service was a life-changing time that provided the kinds of experiences that few in the civilian world can possibly understand.

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Togetherweserved.com was launched specifically to help veterans find those they served with. Now with more than 2.2 million members in five separate service branch websites, TWS has possibly reconnected more veterans than any other website or organization. The secret behind this high rate of success



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is attributed to the depth of TWS's hand-built databases that contain almost every U.S. military training and operating unit

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To find a person he or she served with, all a veteran must do is enter the basic

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Celebrities who served:

Actress Jennifer Marshall is also a Navy and Army veteran

by David Vergun

DOD News

Actress Jennifer Marshall has appeared on many TV shows, including “Stranger Things,” “NCIS,” “Hawaii Five-0” and “Game Shakers.”

She was also in the Navy, serving from 1998 to 2003. Her assignments following basic training at Naval Station Great Lakes, Ill., included: Naval Base Ventura County, San Nicolas Island, Calif. and the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt.

While on the Roosevelt, she deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, earning the enlisted aviation warfare designation.

Her duties included aircraft handler and aviation logistics. She was also a member of the ship’s security defense force team as well as the repair locker fire team.

She also worked as a representative for the Roosevelt’s Sexual Assault Prevention and Response program, advocating for sailors who had experienced trauma resulting from sexual assault.

After five years of service, Marshall was discharged as a petty officer second class.

Following her service, Marshall used her G.I. Bill to help pay for college at Virginia Wesleyan University. She then earned a graduate degree from American Military University.

Besides college, she became a licensed private investigator, which aided her character roles in the TV shows “Stranger Things,” “Mysteries Decoded” and “NCIS.”

A few years after graduation, she moved to Los Angeles to seek a career in television and film.

In 2020, she returned to military service, receiving an Army commission in the California State Guard, serving in public affairs.

Marshall volunteers in her community by mentoring veterans looking to enter film and television, delivering food to homebound seniors through the local senior center and raising funds for veteran rehab equipment.

Marshall was born in Denver before moving to Carbondale, Ill. She currently lives in Los Angeles.

In an interview by Justin Sloan for military.com, Marshall said: “For anyone who is on the fence about serving — life is 90

percent attitude and 10 percent circumstances. In the military, you will sometimes feel like it is 90 percent circumstances and

10 percent attitude. It’s not. Just keep your eye on the prize, take pride in what you do, work hard and you will be rewarded,

whether while in the service or once you separate.”

She added: “It sounds like a kindergarten saying, but I

always like to say if something needs accomplished, vets can do it. Vets can do anything, so go out and do it.”



Navy photograph

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Jennifer Marshall, left, and Navy Seaman Rosemarie Alvarez stand next to an aircraft.



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Aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt underway in 1999 in the Atlantic.



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Southern California Antelope Valley

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California Department of Veteran's Affairs (CalVet)

Los Angeles District Office
11000 Wilshire Blvd., Room 5203.
Los Angeles, CA 90024
<https://www.calvet.ca.gov/veteran-services-benefits>

CalVet Women Veterans Affairs

www.calvet.ca.gov/women
womenveterans@calvet.ca.gov
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Other Antelope Valley Resources

The Antelope Valley College Veterans Affairs Program provides assistance through education, certification and guidance to military veterans and their dependents in achieving their educational objectives and works to promote the retention, graduation and transfer of military veteran students and their dependents.

Antelope Valley College Veterans Resource Center

<https://www.avc.edu/student-services/veterans>
3041 W. Ave. K
SSV Bldg., Room 126, Lancaster, CA 93536
661- 722-6300 Ext. 6342

Operation Healthy Homecoming is an outreach of Mental Health America, with offices in Lancaster and Palmdale. The program serves very low-income veterans and their families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Operation Healthy Homecoming offers benefits assistance and personal financial planning, housing counseling and placement, temporary financial assistance and employment assistance.

Mental Health America — Operation Healthy Homecoming

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661-579-8301

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661-947-1993

The William J. "Pete" Knight Veterans Home of Lancaster is a 60-bed residential care/ assisted living facility, operated in partnership with the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System. The veterans home provides California veterans with a living environment that protects their dignity and contributes to their feeling of self-reliance and self-worth.

William J. "Pete" Knight Veterans Home - Lancaster

<https://www.calvet.ca.gov/VetHomes/Pages/Lancaster.aspx>
45221 30th St. W., Lancaster, CA 93536
661-974-7035

The Veterans Crisis Line is a quick, confidential phone resource for veterans who are struggling with suicidal thoughts, destructive thought patterns and substance abuse issues.

Veterans Crisis Line

1-800-273-8255
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The California Department of Business Oversight has a veterans Services division that focuses on consumer education regarding mortgages, annuities, payday loans, identity theft and other areas of personal finance. Fraud prevention is emphasized.

California Department of Business Oversight – Veterans Services

www.dbo.ca.gov
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The Los Angeles County Bar Association has legal services available to assist veterans in clearing outstanding tickets, warrants and criminal records. Los Angeles County Bar Association Veterans Legal Service Project
<https://www.lacba.org/give-back/veterans-legal-services-project>

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs provides healthcare services, including an outpatient clinic in the Antelope Valley and specialized programs that serve female veterans, veterans in need of mental health services, and former service members who are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

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Organizations of the People, By the People, for the Vets

Vets4Veterans Antelope Valley

The grassroots, nonprofit, organization, founded by the late Tom Hilzendeger together with other Vietnam combat veterans was intended to help veterans suffering the physical and psychological wounds of war.

Through the organization's Art Therapy Program, veterans can utilize their creative abilities to draw, sketch or paint the unspoken thoughts and feelings, the emotions they keep inside. The program is conducted under the therapeutic supervision of Gerry Rice, LMFT.

For details call 661-943-5100. Check online at www.avvets4veterans.org for the time, date and location of art sessions.

Coffee4Vets

A cup of Joe might please the soul of a downhearted service member, but there's some sense of cheer when the masses appear for breakfast from now until December.

Generally aging veterans gather for breakfast at 7 a.m. every Tuesday like clockwork in the side room at Crazy Otto's Diner, 1228 West Avenue I in Lancaster, Calif. They might order eggs and toast or something as simple as a bowl of oatmeal, but they really look forward to a conversation with others who can relate to similar past experiences in the military. Regardless of the branch they served in or the location where they were deployed, they share a brotherhood or sisterhood that many of their friends and relatives will never understand. Aside from their personal conversations, a guest speaker usually attends to talk on a variety of topics. It could be someone from local law enforcement, or the field representative of an elected official who can connect veterans with military benefits.

The idea: it's the veterans' hour or two, time dedicated to them, when too often the rest of the world passes them by. At these breakfasts, they are in a somewhat sheltered environment. Juan Blanco, also a veteran, is president of Coffee4Vets.

The organization can be contacted via email on the following website: <https://coffee4vets.org>. The organization also maintains a Facebook page.

Veteran Peer Access Network

VPAN, as it is commonly called, is a community-driven, peer outreach program, which aims to solve challenges facing veterans, including homelessness, unemployment, substance abuse, incarceration and suicide – conditions that often afflict service members transitioning from military to civilian life. The network deploys trained veteran and military family peers to locate veterans in need of support and intervene before a crisis erupts, connecting vets to benefits and services.

Office location: 237 East Avenue M, Lancaster, CA 93535
661-268-6739

Homes4Families

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The items to be sold are generally described as follows: Furniture, clothing, tools and or other household items stored by the following persons.

- B13 Castanon, Aliah
- E28 Minnifield, Patricia
- E05 Pittman, Breanna
- E35 Ruiz, Octavio
- F30 Lemus Martinez, Sonia
- C21 Medina, Robert
- B05 Barraza, Jaime Flores
- B01 Sandifer, Barbara Jean
- G28 Parker, Tamika
- G24 Brown, Michael

Date: October 24, 2023 Signed NOVA STORAGE

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- D172 Korp, Laura
- E367 Gonzales, Jennifer
- E416 Smith, Shautonya
- E406 Carson, Vincent
- G626 Luque, Christopher
- E467 Hidalgo, Flor
- B079 Sharp, Debra
- F541 Lawrence, Mechelle
- B102 Sarran, Kester

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- 0579 Whitney, Christopher
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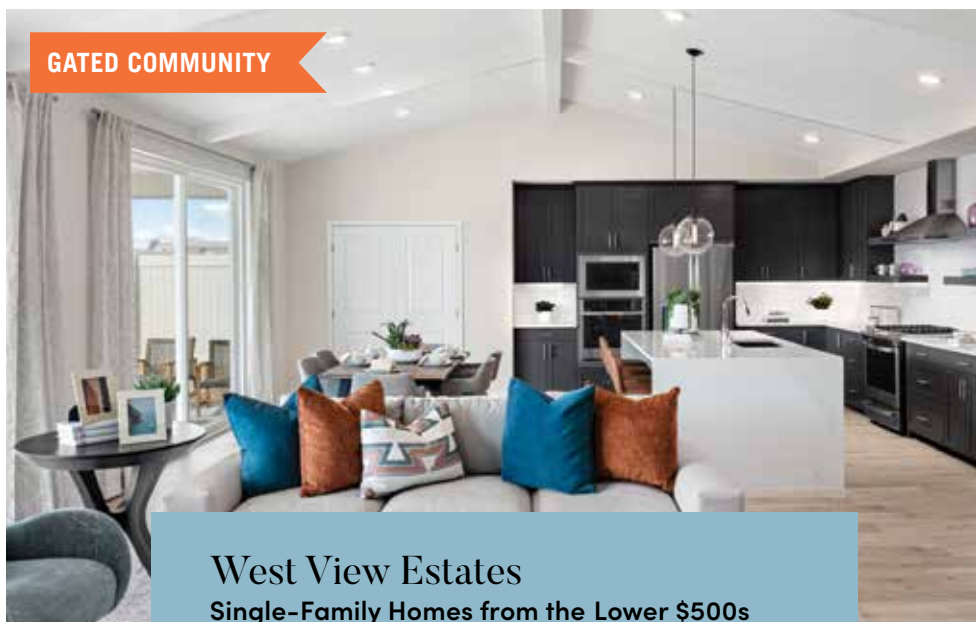


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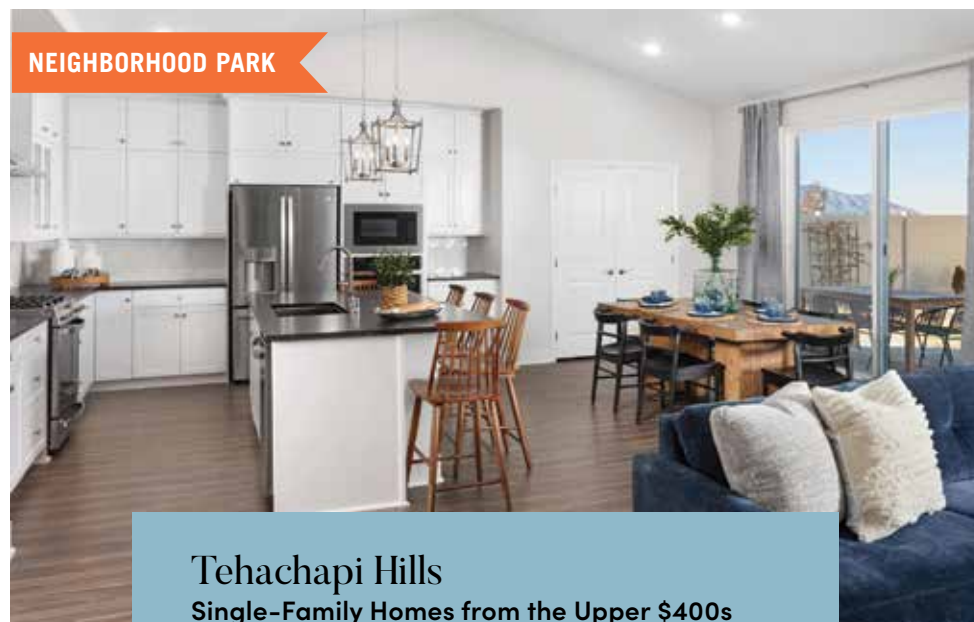
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